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Notes of the Week

Denver Club Urges Action on Suffrage Amendment

THE Progressive Club of Denver in convention May 13 adopted a resolution urging Congress to pass immediately the Susan B. Anthony amendment and protesting against the "unfair obstruction of the amendment in the Judiciary Committee."

Bar Women from Their Pulpits

THE general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States on May 20 voted down a proposal to permit women to preach in Presbyterian Churches as "opposed to the advancement of true piety and to the promotion of the peace of the Church."

In adopting the majority report of a committee that studied the question, the assembly declared that the scriptures forbid ordination of women. The vote was 130 to 80.

Methodist Church Upholds Right of Women as Preachers

THE itinerancy committee of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in session at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., considered a subcommittee recommendation that women be licensed as local preachers, but recommitted it to the subcommittee. It was understood that this question would not get before the conference.

Convention Crowd Throngs New York

THE thirteenth biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of America, now meeting in New York has brought to that city 20,000 delegates, alternates and visitors. This crowd forming one of the largest convention crowds to visit the city, represents more than 2,500,000 clubwomen from every state, Alaska, Hawaii, the Philippine Islands, Cuba and Porto Rico.

The convention will be in session until June 2.

House Passes Shipping Bill

THE shipping bill, one of the administration's most favored measures, passed the House May 21 by a vote of 211 to 161.

The bill came before the House for passage under a special rule which put it ahead of other legislation on the calendar, and fixed the hour for the vote on the measure and any amendments thereto.

The Republicans charged the Democrats with putting through a gag rule, while the Democrats defended the rule as necessary to expedite a measure of the greatest importance to the country. This rule was adopted by a vote of 191 to 141 after an hour's discussion.

The vote on the bill was along strict party lines, only two Democrats voting against the measure.

Majority Leader Kitchin, who had not been counted on to champion the bill, spoke vigorously for it and told the Democrats if they would stand together it would be passed. He said:

"We are willing to come to a 'show-down' with you on this bill. I want to say to my fellow Democrats here that we are responsible for the legislation in this House. The vote on this rule will show whether or not we have the patriotism and courage to assume that responsibility. We have a majority. We Democrats can run this House and manage its procedure, provided we want to do it; and if we want to do it, then all of you Democrats must come here and stay here and furnish a quorum at all hours in this House. The people furnished us in the last election a majority of the House, and it is our duty to be present here on this floor at every hour of each day's session with that Democratic majority. If so, we can and will do business. We will legislate. We will carry out the entire legislative program of the House and the administration before adjournment."

The action of the bill and Majority Leader Kitchin's assertion show what action the majority party can and do take to insure the passage of favored legislation.

New German Suffrage Alliance Has Large Membership

THE German Imperial Alliance formed recently at Weimar has a membership of about 8,000.

Labor Party for Woman Suffrage

THE Independent Labor party of England in conference recently passed the following resolution:

"This conference calls upon the government to enfranchise women at the earliest possible moment, seeing that the increased entry of women into the labor market imperatively necessitates woman's influence in the government of the nation."

Danish Women Unite for World Suffrage

THE "Landsforbund" for woman suffrage was dissolved when the Danish women had received their political rights, June 5, 1915, according to the May number of *Jus Suffragii*. Immediately afterwards a new organization was formed: "Dansk Landsforbund," with the sole object of supporting the woman suffrage movement in those countries where women have not yet obtained the vote. This new organization has gained ground rapidly, and many local branches have been started throughout the country.

Union of Italian, French and English Women to Be Formed

CHRISTABEL PANKHURST, leader of the militant suffragists of England, is in Italy for the purpose of forming a closer organization of the women of Italy with those of France and England.

Women in Commerce after the War

THE Bavarian Ministry has issued a warning against the flocking of untrained women and girls into commercial occupations, and warns them that these occupations will only be open to women until the end of the war, when they must be relinquished to men.

The *Staatsbürgerin* remarks: "In so far as the warning is addressed to incompetents and against ill-considered entry into these occupations, it is justified. But even highly competent women must be prepared for a struggle to retain the places they have gained against the competition, not only of returned soldiers, but of many men who have not been at the front. Women's wage earning will be faced with a very serious problem after the war."

Women Architects in Military Service

SEVERAL women architects are now employed in German military service. Frl. v. Knobelsdorf, who passed her examination as an engineer in 1911, was employed in September, 1914, at Döberitz. She was at first entrusted with the building of an officers' camp, garden, and roads; she was then commissioned to design and build two large officers' barracks and two large "transform" houses, and she is now rebuilding a burnt-down church. In the same building office at Döberitz the young Princess Victoria of Bentheim is working. Agnes Mackensen passed her diploma examination as engineer in 1915, and worked in the military building office at Spandau. She has now been appointed by the Allgemeiner Bauverwaltung as assistant in building a courthouse at Düsseldorf. Margaret Wettcke, of Posen, has been employed also at Spandau in building barracks. In all these cases the buildings are permanent, and have to be carried out in accordance with municipal regulations and artistic principles. The women receive the same emolument as their male colleagues.

Eastern States Receive

A WARM welcome was extended to the Virginia envoy of the Congressional Union on her return to Richmond after her long tour through the twelve free states in the Suffrage Special to call the woman voters of the west to the Woman's Party convention at Chicago, June 5, 6 and 7.

Mrs. Percy Read, of Highland Springs, who represented Virginia at all the great meetings recently held in the west, returned to Richmond on Thursday, May 18, accompanied by Miss Anna Constable, of New York.

The stirring music of a band met them as they stepped off the train and they were taken by a committee of Richmond women in automobiles lavishly decorated with the colors of the Congressional Union, to the Capitol grounds, where a street meeting was held to tell the citizens of Virginia of the strength of the support which the women of the twelve free states are prepared to give to the suffrage movement, and the bearing of this new element in the political situation upon the next presidential election. The men in the audience, for it was largely an audience of men, were keenly interested in the speeches made. After the meeting a luncheon was served the envoys at the Hotel Jefferson.

In the afternoon the envoys called upon the chairman of the Congressional Union in Virginia, Mrs. Sophie G. Meredith, who, on account of illness, was unable to be present at the luncheon.

In the evening the envoys, assisted by Mrs. Hooker, Dr. Helen Love-Bossieux, Mrs. Hudson and Mrs. Flannagan, held a second good meeting on Main Street.

A COMMITTEE of Philadelphia women met the Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York envoys on the Suffrage Special at the West Philadelphia Station on Thursday, May 18, at noon.

Mrs. Harry Lowenburg, Miss Harriet W. Dulles, Miss Marie Ernst Kennedy, Miss Alice Brock, Mrs. L. M. B. Mitchell, Miss Cornelia Greenough, Mrs. Mary Carroll Dowell, Miss Marion Jewett, Miss Ida Katzenstein, Mrs. K. G. Halligan, Miss Sarah G. Tomkins, Miss Ellen Lane Leaf, Mrs. Joseph Gazzan, Mrs. Howard F. Rattay, the Misses Bunn, Mrs. H. C. Niemeyer, Mrs. E. S. Holmes, Mrs. R. C. Swayze, Mrs. George Aman, Mrs. Christman, Mrs. M. C. Morgan, Mrs. George E. Stradling, Mrs. E. B. Harrison, Mrs. H. Burgin and two representatives of the Trades Union League, Mrs. Hirst and Miss Whitehead, were among those who went down to the station to see and thank the envoys after their weeks of service in the west. From the station automobiles decorated in the Congressional Union colors went to the City Hall Plaza, where an open-air meeting was held. There a large crowd gathered and over two thousand pieces of literature were given out.

Miss Julia Hurlbut and Miss Agnes Campbell, of New Jersey; Miss Ella Riegel, of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. John Rogers, Jr., of New York, were the speakers.

Miss Hurlbut declared that thousands of women voters in the west now realize that they can hold the balance of power in the coming presidential election. "Since women have begun to perceive that the elections in their states can be turned by the alternation of a very few votes, they are banding themselves together to form a Woman's Party," Miss Hurlbut said, "which will work for the passage of the federal amendment at the earliest possible moment."

"What the Suffrage Special has accomplished can be summed up in a few words," said Mrs. Rogers. "It has joined together the women of the whole nation to accomplish a great national duty, the freedom of American women.

"We have convinced many thousands of women voters that suffrage is a national matter—many more than are needed to defeat a presidential candidate.

"We have helped them to see that national woman suffrage is the most important issue today before the country; that greater than any law is the right of the people to decide upon their laws.

"We have shown them clearly, in cold, unmistakable figures and statistics, the power that they have in the next election and how a very small turnover of voters can change the result of a close election.

"We have shown them that because of this power and the present political situation, their demand for the passage of the suffrage amendment in the present session of Congress will be heeded.

"We have invited them to join us in Chicago to organize their political strength in a woman's party, so that they can be a balance of power in the next election, if necessary.

"We have shown them that they are discriminated against and penalized by disfranchisement when they cross their state line into an unfree state; that only a national amendment can remove this injustice.

"We have told them the record of the Democratic party on woman suffrage—they know now how bad it is.

"Women voters now know that they must hold the party in power responsible for the passage of the amendment.

"We have convinced them that the federal way is the quickest way to get suffrage and the only way many states can hope to get it.

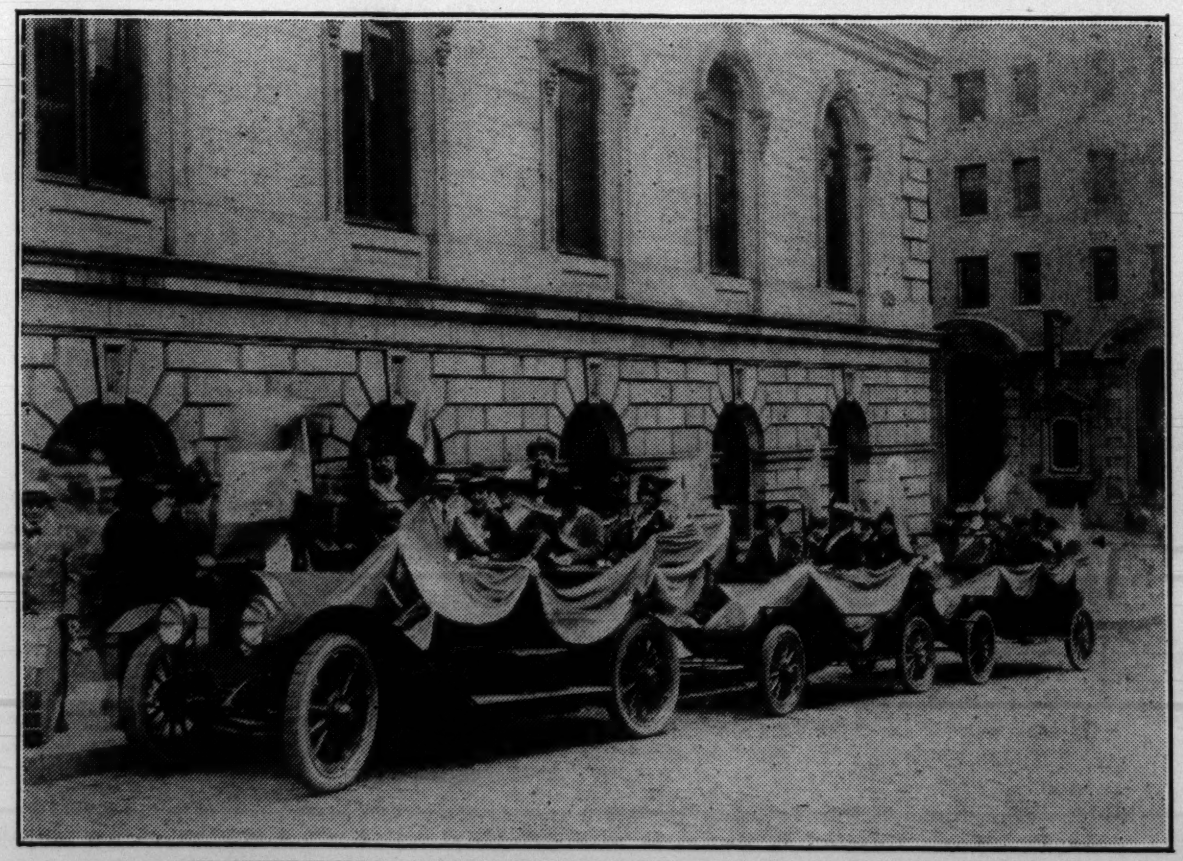
"And what has been the response of the women? Just what we knew it would be! They have determined to enfranchise American women. They have proved to us that the sisterhood of women is as true as the brotherhood of man."

On the following Wednesday, May 24,, a brilliant luncheon was given in honor of the Pennsylvania envoys in the Hotel Adelphia.

Luncheon in Honor of Pennsylvania Envoys, Hotel Adelphia, Philadelphia

BALTIMORE turned out *en masse* on Thursday afternoon at the Union Station to celebrate the return of Mrs. Townsend Scott, chairman of the Congressional Union in Maryland, who was the representative of her state on the Suffrage Special.

Returning with Mrs. Scott were Mrs. Gertrude B. Newell, one of the Massachusetts envoys on the special; and Mrs. Wallace Williams of Washington, and Miss Alice Louise Reynolds, of Utah, the western women who bore the message of the Salt



Mrs. Percy Read, Envoy from Virginia to West, Returns to Richmond

Message from West

Lake City conference to the members of Congress, demanding instant favorable action on the federal suffrage amendment.

A band, and an escort of automobiles decorated with purple, white and gold banners, carried the suffragists to the street corner in front of the court house, where a splendid crowd gathered and an enthusiastic open-air meeting was held.

Mrs. W. Thompson Burch, of Washington, D. C., presided, explaining to the people, who grew more and more serious and interested, the power of the enfranchised women of the west to win the vote for the women of the whole country.

Mrs. Williams, Miss Reynolds, Mrs. Newell, Mrs. M. E. Brooke, and finally Mrs. Townsend Scott, who received a splendid ovation, told of the work of the Suffrage Special and the response that the appeal of eastern women had met in the western states.

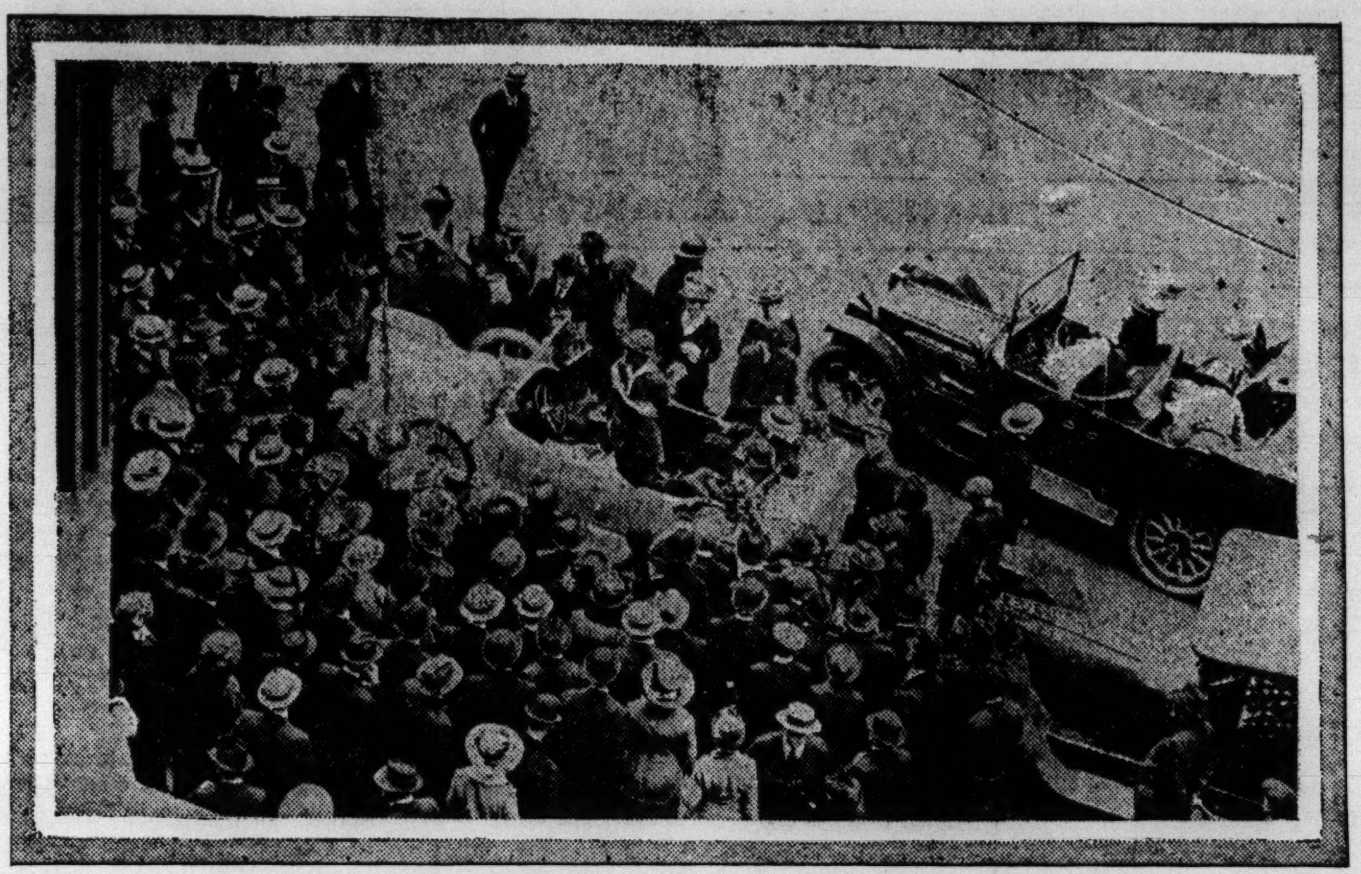
On Saturday afternoon, the members of the Congressional Union gave a reception in honor of Mrs. Scott's return in the Hotel Emerson. Mrs. Burch and Mrs. Scott were the speakers. Mrs. Scott gave a most amusing and interesting review of the history of the Suffrage Special and pointed out the splendid political result the whole enterprise had secured.

The gay little procession went up Fifth Avenue and stopped at Forty-second Street to hold an open-air meeting. The crowd listened attentively while Mrs. John Rogers, Jr., and Miss Helen Todd, of New York, and Miss Ella Riegel, of Pennsylvania, told of the wonderful response of the western women to the appeal of eastern women to put woman's political freedom above loyalty to party.

On Friday afternoon a large reception was held at the headquarters of the Congressional Union. Mrs. Marcus Marks, wife of the President of the Borough of Manhattan, presided; and the envoys spoke again, appealing now to the women to cooperate in a great national movement for the national enfranchisement of women.

One woman in the audience was so stirred by the story that she asked if it could not be published at once in pamphlet form in order that thousands of New Yorkers could know of the work done by the "suffrage special."

Mrs. Rogers asked for money to assist the organization of the woman voters convention in Chicago at which a Woman's Party, standing for national woman suffrage, would be launched. A good collection was taken.



Story of Suffrage Special Told in City Hall Plaza, Philadelphia

NEW YORKERS met their returning envoys with music and banners at the Pennsylvania Station. Crowds of women formed a long aisle through which the envoys marched. Miss Rosie Sanderman, playing the bugle, led the way to the sidewalk, where motor cars and a decorated Fifth Avenue bus were stationed.

MASSACHUSETTS celebrated the official return of her envoys last Saturday morning when Mrs. Gertrude B. Newell, of Brookline, was met at the station by a number of Boston women in decorated automobiles. Mrs. Morey and Miss Agnes Morey, the two other Massachusetts members on the "Suffrage Special" had returned before the end of the trip because of the illness of Mrs. Morey's mother, but they were included in the ceremony of welcome.

Mrs. Wallace Williams, of Washington, one of the delegates elected at the Sale Lake City conference to carry the message of western women to Congress, accompanied Mrs. Newell to Boston.

A luncheon in honor of the three envoys was held Tuesday at the Hotel Bellevue. Mrs. Edward Jeffrey of Cambridge presided and in a delightful speech of welcome announced the return of the envoys and invited them to tell of the trip of the "Suffrage Special" in the western states.

The guests listened with great interest to the story of the trip. Mrs. Williams spoke promising on behalf of the women of the west political aid toward enfranchisement of the women of America.

Mrs. Davis R. Dewey spoke on the attitude of the Massachusetts legislature toward bills of interest to women since the defeat of woman suffrage in Massachusetts in November, 1914. Mrs. Dewey urged concentration on the Susan B. Anthony amendment.

At the luncheon the returned envoys were presented with great bunches of purple, white and yellow flowers.

Pledges were taken and plans made to send a delegate from the Massachusetts branch of the Congressional Union to the Convention in Chicago.

A Suffrage, Non-Suffrage Garden Party

By Elizabeth Gerberding

NO speeches and no collection. Hamlet with Hamlet left out, was the garden party given by Mrs. William Kent, the indomitable suffragist, on May 17, to the visiting voting women of the west and the envoys who have been touring that part of the country.

There were present sympathizers and non-sympathizers—Senators and Congressmen and their wives; and ordinary people who did not believe in suffrage; those who believed in suffrage in the states which had voted for it; and those who believed that suffrage should be granted to all the women of the nation.

Through the historic old mansion with its hospitable central hall and huge rooms on either side, its roomy lounge, glassed on two sides, hundreds of people passed into the garden beyond. The lovely old garden, shielded from observation by a hedged terrace and rows of shimmering poplars, welcomed them all alike in the spring afternoon to its old trees with their chorus of birds, its flowers and its lawns and—never a word about suffrage.

However, as in the play of L'Aiglon, the unseen Napoleon is the star who dominates every scene, so the reason for the gathering dominated the minds of all.

Woman was the keynote. There were the guests from the West: Mrs. Phoebe Hearst and Mrs. Gerberding, of California; Mrs. Haire, of Montana; Miss Reynolds, of Utah; Mrs. Alsdorf, of Arizona, and Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Groshell, of Washington.

In a rustic summer house a band of women musicians, the Russell-McGee Orchestra, played during the hours of the reception. Why is it that woman's touch makes the harp so much sweeter? Against the background of garden *en fete* there was the picture of women in airy summer gowns, garbed to talk the nothings of the usual society function. It was all soft and feminine enough to soothe the spirit of the most chivalrous, pedestal-loving male.

By a strange psychological effect the suffragists answered questions instead of asking them. One felt like Alice in Wonderland. No longer was it necessary for one to take the initiative—the other side did that.

If the spirit of the assemblage could have been distilled into a concentrated essence, it would have been: "It is coming!" Whether they liked it or not, all conceded this. And when in any people such a thought is dominant, when all minds are seized, simultaneously, by such a crystalline clear conviction, the result is sure.

It is coming!

The Susan B. Anthony Amendment

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States extending the right of suffrage to women.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article be proposed to the legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of the said legislatures, shall be valid as part of said Constitution, namely:

"ARTICLE.—SEC. 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

"SEC. 2. Congress shall have power, by appropriate legislation, to enforce the provisions of this article."

THE AMENDMENT IN THE SIXTY-FOURTH CONGRESS

Introduced

In the Senate, on December 7, by Senators Sutherland, Thomas and Thompson.
In the House, on December 6, by Representatives Mondell, Raker, Keating and Hayden.

Referred

In the Senate, to the Committee on Woman Suffrage.
In the House, to the Judiciary Committee.

Reported

In the Senate, January 8, the Sutherland Amendment, known as Senate Joint Resolution No. 1; by a favorable vote.

Present Status

In the Senate, on the calendar, awaiting action.
In the House, before the Judiciary Committee.

HISTORY OF THE AMENDMENT

Drafted

In its present form, by Susan B. Anthony in 1875.

First Introduced,

January 10, 1878, by Hon. A. A. Sargent, in the Senate.

Reported from Committee,

In the Senate,

1878, Adverse majority.
1879, Favorable minority.
1882, Favorable majority, adverse minority.
1884, Favorable majority, adverse minority.
1886, Favorable majority.
1890, Favorable majority.
1892, Favorable majority, adverse minority.
1896, Adverse majority.
1913, Favorable majority.
1914, Favorable majority.
1916, Favorable majority.

In the House,

1883, Favorable majority.
1884, Adverse majority, favorable minority.
1886, Favorable minority.
1890, Favorable majority.
1894, Adverse majority.
1914, Without recommendation.

Voted Upon

In the Senate,

January 25, 1887. Yeas 16, nays 34. Absent 26 (of whom 4 were announced as for, and 2 against).
March 19, 1914. Yeas 35, nays 34, failing by 11 of the necessary two-thirds vote.

In the House,

January 12, 1915. Yeas 174, nays 204, failing by 78 of the necessary two-thirds vote.

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The Woman's Party

THE editorial columns throughout the west and in great cities of the east and middle west have been making shrewd comments on the coming formation of a Woman's Party and its effect on the Presidential election next November. Newspaper men, who are in closer touch than politicians with the trend of the times, have been quick to see the extraordinary import of this new party, already strong and rapidly growing stronger.

THE most significant fact regarding the new organization is its amazing rate of growth. Not only was no such party existing in 1912—it was not even thought of. A movement for the adoption of a federal suffrage amendment did not exist at all in a practical sense.

In 1916, national woman suffrage is a dominating issue. One active and growing organization, the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, exists for the single purpose of getting that amendment incorporated into the constitution. The Congressional Union is organized in every one of the twelve suffrage states and has many thousands of members who are voters. Every one of these members has joined under a fire of criticism from Democrats in her state, who were opposed to an organization espousing a principle which their national party organization was opposing in Congress. Every one of these members, in joining the Union, promised to give her support to the federal suffrage amendment without considering the interests of any national political party. The Congressional Union alone is ready to carry on an immensely effective campaign in the western states against the party in power if that party refuses to deal justly with the measure extending enfranchisement to the women of the United States.

THIS suffrage organization in the west is particularly powerful in view of the pending presidential election, which will be hotly contested in all the twelve free states. A very small change of vote in every one of these states will alter the result of the election; and undoubtedly the response among enfranchised women on the issue of national woman suffrage will not be small—it will be very large.

So much was clearly proved during the trip of the suffrage special to the west, when immense audiences met the envoys from the east at every turn and greeted with enthusiasm their arguments and appeals in favor of political freedom for women throughout the Union.

THE response of the western women to the eastern women was not the outcome of a moment's generous feeling.

The roots of the suffrage movement in the east and in the west are very deep. The western woman is as anxious for the enfranchisement of the nation as she was for her own enfranchisement, and she has exactly the same reasons for wishing the freedom of women co-extensive with the territory of the United States as she had for wishing freedom within the boundaries of her own state. Women will never have national power, they will not be in a position to cope with the national problems which are at the same time their own personal problems, until the women of the nation are enfranchised. They cannot even safeguard their own citizenship (which is a matter controlled by the federal government) until they have power over the whole United States.

THE development of the national movement for woman suffrage, sudden as it is, is a perfectly natural one. It seems now as if any one could have foreseen it. Between 1912 and 1916, six new states have granted women the right to participate in national elections, including the state of Illinois, one of the great political centers of the nation.

THE Democratic party can congratulate itself that it has the power at the present time to extend freedom to the women of the United States. They have done nothing to advance or encourage the suffrage movement, but it has grown in spite of them and has made it possible and easy for them to profit politically and morally by passing a great measure of enfranchisement.

They have all to gain and nothing to lose in passing a federal suffrage amendment through Congress. Their position is buttressed on every side.

If the states do not want to ratify a constitutional amendment, as some politicians aver, they certainly cannot be compelled to do it, and woman suffrage will not become law in the United States. If, on the other hand, the states are willing to adopt and ratify a federal suffrage amendment, the Democratic party is for all time in the position of the liberator of American women, an honor which will grow greater and surer as time goes on.

The Democrats cannot be criticised for submitting an amendment to the state legislatures. They are almost in honor bound to do so, once a movement has obtained sufficient importance to justify the attention of state legislative bodies; and no one can doubt that the suffrage movement has long since passed the stage. On the other hand, if they do submit the amendment to the state legislatures, they have at least done all they can for the suffrage movement and have a just claim on the gratitude and reverence of women for having removed an unjust barrier to the consideration and settlement of the suffrage measure by the states.

IT seems as if the moment has arrived when women had nothing further to say to a politician. They have plenty to do. They are busy strengthening their organization for such work as may be necessary when a choice between parties is to be made. But the time for argument is over. We have just to attend to our own affairs and allow the situation to take clear and definite shape before the somewhat dim eyes of our political leaders.

Now for the Woman's Party Convention

CHICAGO has awakened to the fact that the Congressional Union Woman's Party convention will equal if not outclass in prominence the great gatherings to be held during the week of June 5, by the Republican and Progressive parties. Four street signs placed at conspicuous places in the loop district and numerous posters in down-town and suburban shop windows advertise the event toward which the feminine eyes of the country are now turned.

Locally there is marked interest in the convention and in the plans outlined by the Union leaders to secure the passage of the federal suffrage amendmnt through Congress this session and to organize the woman's vote before next November, in the interest of national woman suffrage.

Mrs. John Jay White

Representative from Washington, D. C., at Woman's Party Convention

Mrs. Dora Phelps Buell

Colorado Delegate to Woman's Party Convention

Mrs. Bertram Sippy

Chairman, Illinois Congressional Union

Registration and convention headquarters in the beautiful Michigan Boulevard building attract hundreds of women daily, and the Union already has many new recruits who have volunteered to work for the success of the big meeting.

Miss Elizabeth Elder and Miss Margaret Whittemore, the latter just arrived from Seattle, are in charge of this important post, where the preliminary convention activities center. The room, one of the most attractive in the city, has been comfortably fitted up by two furniture dealers, who have generously loaned wicker chairs, tables and lamps for this purpose. An artist in the building has donated several fine canvases that adorn the walls, and a florist has attended to the decoration of the windows.

In addition to Miss Elder and Miss Whittemore, who are on duty to welcome the visitors, Miss Alice Paul, national chairman; Miss Doris Stevens, national chairman of the organization department; Mrs. Albert C. Muhse, who is in charge of indoor meetings; Miss Mabel Vernon, who is in charge of outdoor metings, Miss Virginia Arnold, who is in charge of supplies, and Miss Elsie Hill, who keeps the various committees at work, are all there, each an integral part of the convention machinery.

All departments of the convention are now established in the new headquarters, a room on the third floor, with a beautiful view over Michigan Avenue and the lake, being used for the press department, office of the hospitality committee, of which Mrs. Clifford Wells is chairman, and the finance committee, of which Mrs. Annette M'Crea is chairman. Signs calling attention to the approaching convention are liberally displayed on both the first and third floor windows.

That the Blackstone Theater, where all sessions of the meeting will be held, will be packed to overflowing, is evidenced in the demand already made for seats. The press of the city, including a number of foreign papers, has requested seats at advantageous places on the convention floor. It remained for the women of the far west, however, to make the first application for seats, Washington being the state represented. Dr. Roberta Ford, of Seattle, was spokesman for the group from that commonwealth, stopping over in Chicago while *en route* to the New York Biennial to request that a place be reserved for her party.

According to present plans the convention will be called to order Monday afternoon, June 5, at two o'clock. Delegates are expected to register that morning. In the evening a reception will be given to which all visiting suffragists will be invited. Tuesday morning will be devoted to committee meetings, and Tuesday afternoon and evening to business sessions. Wednesday at noon, the "Suffrage First" luncheon will take place at the Auditorium Hotel. Fully 1,000 women are expected to attend. Miss Virginia Arnold, who came to Chicago from Washington to assist in the preliminary work, is in charge of the luncheon tickets and reports that a large number have been sold, a big delegation from Pittsburgh having already signed up.

It is planned to have a large mass meeting Wednesday evening at the Blackstone Theater, with overflow meetings at a number of places in the loop district. The seating capacity of the theater is 1,300. The voting women will be seated on the orchestra floor and visitors from the unenfranchised states on the balcony floor. The gallery will be thrown open to the general public.

Maud Adams, who is now playing in "The Little Minister" at the Blackstone, will close her engagement Saturday before the convention opens on Monday. The theater is ideally located in the heart of Chicago and is convenient to the depots, the elevated and surface cars. The interior will lend itself well to decoration, a color motif of green and white prevailing in the furnishings.

Among the prominent delegates from the western states are: From Arizona, Mrs. J. J. Day, Mrs. E. S. Forder, Mrs. E. B. Perrin, Mrs. G. B. Marsh, Mrs. J. F. Meyers, and Mrs. W. H. Sawtelle, chairman of the Arizona Congressional Union; from California, Mrs. William Kent, Mrs. Elizabeth Gerberding, Miss Maude Younger, Mrs. Anna Morrison Reed, Mrs. Ida Finney Mackrille and Miss Vivian Pierce; from Colorado, Mrs. Robert Kerr, of the Congressional Union state executive committee; Mrs. Oscar King Dans, Mrs. Clarence C. Dodge, Mrs. A. C. Bridgford, Mrs. Mary H. Blakely, Mrs. Dora Phelps Buell and Mrs. Marguerite Tyler; from Kansas, Mrs. Frank Zantes, Mrs. A. M. Turner, Mrs. Talman Bailey, Mrs. H. M. Carr, Mrs. A. C. Moorehouse and Miss Iris Calderhead; from Montana, Miss Blanche McQuaid, Mrs. Harvey Cort, Mrs. C. S. Haire, Mrs. Grace E. Kloeckner and Mrs. Ella Morton Dean; from Nevada, Miss Anne Martin; from Utah, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Jenkins, Mrs. Mary L. Hendrickson and Mrs. Margaret Zane Cherdron; from Washington, Mrs. Wallace Williams, Mrs. Frances C. Axtell, state chairman of the Congressional Union, and Dr. Roberta Winer Ford. The Illinois delegation will naturally be the largest to be seated at the convention, and includes prominent women from every city in Illinois.

Many of the well-known women speakers in this country will speak during the convention, including Mrs. William Kent, Mrs. Ida Finney Mackrille, Mrs. Elizabeth Gerberding and Mrs. Sara Bard Field, all of California; Mrs. Dora Phelps Buell, state factory inspector of Colorado; Miss Anne Martin, the dominant figure of the Nevada suffrage movement; Miss Maud Younger, well known as a writer and labor leader; Mrs. Margaret Zane Cherdron, of Salt Lake, and Mrs. C. S. Haire, of Montana.

Miss S. Ada Flatman, business manager of THE SUFFRAGIST, and manager of the feature publicity of the convention, is putting over the most successful advertising that any great woman's convention has ever had. Huge banners in the Union tricolors punctuate the down-town district of Chicago, a concession that Miss Flatman, with indefatigable perseverance, wrung from the aldermanic body of Chicago. The Union's "Suffrage First" poster, by Mrs. Nina Allender, is through Miss Flatman's effort being shown at all performances in thirty leading down-town picture houses. Union posters are shortly to announce the convention in all of Chicago's surface cars, and are also being displayed in larger size at the principal stations of the great railroads from one end of the country to the other.

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Michigan Boulevard Building, corner Washington Street and Michigan Boulevard

Accommodations Available at the Woman's Party Convention

June 5, 6 and 7

Hotels

Alexandria—Rush and Ohio Sts. Tel. Superior 5544.
European Plan.
Single room, without bath, $1 and $1.25.
Two in room, without bath, each 75c.
Single room, with bath, $1.50 and $2.00.
Two in room, with bath, each $1.00 and $1.25.

Arcola—3802 Lake Park Av. Drexel 3568.
One, including meals, $2.50 per day up.

Astor—125 N. Clark St.
Single room, without bath, $1.00.
Two in room, without bath, $2.00.
Single room, with bath, $1.50.
Two in room, with bath, $3.00 and $3.50.

Belvoir Hotel—1035 East 47th St. Oak. 1051.
$2.00 per day without bath, 2 in room.
Will reserve.

Bismarck—175-181 W. Randolph St. Tel. Franklin 522.
European Plan.
Single room, with shower bath, $1.00.
Two in room, each $1.00.
Single room, with bath, $1.50.
Two in room, with bath, each $1.50 and $1.75

Bradley—Rush St. and Grand Av.
European Plan.
Single room, without bath, $1.00.
Two in room, without bath, each 75c.
Single room, with bath, $1, $1.25 and $1.50.
Two in room, with bath, each $1.

Brevoort—120 W. Madison St.
European Plan.
Single room, without bath, $1.50 and $2.
Two in room, detached bath, $3 and $3.50.
Single room, private bath, $2.50 and $3.
Two in room, private bath, $4 and $5.

Briggs—Randolph St. and Fifth Av.
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Room, without bath, $1 and $1.50.
Room, with bath, $1.50, $2 and $2.50.

Chicago Beach—Hyde Park Boul., 51st St., on the Lake Shore. Tel. Hyde Park 4000.
American Plan.
Single room, without bath, $3 and up.
Two in room, without bath, each $2.75 and up.
Single room, with bath, $4 and up.
Two in room, with bath, each $3.50 and up.
European Plan.
Single room, without bath, $1.50 and up.
Two in room, without bath, each, $1.25 and up.
Single room, with bath, $2.50 and up.
Two in room, with bath, each $2 and up.

De Jonghe—12-14 E. Monroe St. Rand. 2143.
European Plan.
Single room, with bath, $2 and up.
Two in room, with bath, each $1.50 and up.

Del Prado—Midway Boul. and Jackson Park. Tel. Hyde Park 2410.
American Plan.
400 rooms with bath, $2.50 and $4.00 per day.

Elms—Fifty-third St. and Cornell Av. Hyde Park 2020.
American Plan Only.
Single room, without bath, $2.50 and $3.00.
Two in room, without bath, each $2.50 and $3.00.
Single room, with bath, $3 and $4.
Two in room, with bath, each $3 and $3.50.
Two and three-room suites, with bath, $6 to $8.

Fort Dearborn—La Salle and Van Buren Sts. Tel. Wabash 5700.
European Plan Only.
250 rooms with private bath.
250 rooms with private toilet.
Every room, $1.50 per day.

Gladstone—62d St. and Kenwood Av. Hyde Park 4100.
European Plan.
Single room, with bath, $1 and $1.50.
Two-room suite, with bath, $2 to $3.

Grand Pacific—Jackson Boul, and Clark St. Tel. Wabash 2920.
European Plan.
Single room, without bath, $1.00; with bath, $2.00.
Two in room, with bath, each $1.50.

Grant—Dearborn and Madison. Randolph 3241. $1.00 and up.

Great Northern—Jackson, Dearborn and Quincy Sts. Harrison 7904. $1.50 and up.

Harmonia—Indiana Av. and Thirtieth St. Calumet 6200. $1.00 and up.

Hayes—Sixty-fourth and University Av. Hyde Park 4400. $2.00 and up.

Hyde Park—Hyde Park Boul. and Lake Av. Hyde Park 530. $2.50 and up.

Kaiserhoff—Clark St. near Jackson Boul. Wabash 2646. $1.50 and up.

Lakota—Michigan Boul. at Thirtieth St. Douglas 1026. $1.50 and up.

La Salle—Madison and La Salle Sts. Franklin 700. $2.00 and up.

Lexington—Michigan Boul. and 22d St. Calumet 1840. $1.50 and up.

Lombard—Fifth Av. and Quincy St. Wabash 5470. $1.50 and up.

Luzerne—Clark and Center Sts. Tel. Lincoln 4916. $2.50 and up.

Majestic—Quincy St. between State and Dearborn. Harrison 3200. $1.00 and up.

Metropole—Michigan Av. and Twenty-third St. Calumet 1580. $1.50 and up.

Moraine—Highland Park, Ill. Tel. Highland Park 500. 30 min. from Chicago. $3.00 and up.

Morrison—Clark and Madison Sts. Tel. Central 3880. $2.00 and up.

New Gault—Madison and Market Sts. Franklin 2303. $1.00 and up.

Oxford—Canal and Adams Sts. Main 4071. 75c to $1.50.

Palmer House—State and Monroe Sts. Central 4710. $1.50 and up.

Planters—Clark and Madison Sts. Randolph 4804. $1.50 and up.

Plaza—N. Clark St. and North Av. Superior 2680. $1.50 and up.

Saratoga—23-29 S. Dearborn St. Central 4450. $1.00 and up.

Sherman—Clark and Randolph Sts. Franklin 2120. $2.00 and up.

Stock Yard Inn—42d and S. Halsted Sts. Yards 5580. $1.00 and up.

Stratford—Jackson and Michigan Boul. Harrison 4899. $1.50 and up.

Tudor Hotel—645 Cass St. $15.00 per week with bath (double room), $8.00 per week without bath (single room). Have to be taken by the week, 5th to 11th. Will reserve.

Union Hotel—66-72 W. Randolph St. Randolph 5426. $1.00 and up.

Victoria—Clark and Van Buren Sts. Wabash 2282. $1 and up.

Virginia—Rush and Ohio Sts. Superior 1962. $1.50 and up.

Warner—Thirty-third St. and Cottage Grove Av. Douglas 673. Single room without bath, $4.50 and $5.00 per week. Single room with bath, $1.00 and up.

Windemere—Fifty-sixth St. and Cornell Av. Blackstone 100. $3.00 and up. Two in room, each $2.50

Windsor—Clifton—Wabash Av. and Monroe St. Central 4500. $1.00 and up.

Wychmere—Indiana Av. and E. Eighteenth St. Calumet 1098. 75c and up.

Rooms to Rent

Name	Location	Rate
Atwell	2d, 6215 Ingleside Av., 1 S.	$1.00, $1.50.
C. Arndt	6140 Greenwood Av., 1 D.	$1.00.
B. Anderson	1st, 5738 Kenwood Av., 1 S.	$1.00
Alden	5823 Dorchester Av., 2,	$1.00.
Agnew	5716 Kimbark Av., 2.	
Rushutz	5729 Dorchester Av., 1 D.,	$1.00.
Brandenburg	(3), 6110 Ingleside Av., 1 S.,	$1.00.
Beckford	2d, 6142 University Av., 1 D.,	$1.00.
Bosworth	5548 University Av., 1 S. or D.,	$1.00.
Brown	6023 Woodlawn Av., 1 S.,	$1.00.
Brown	6033 Woodlawn Av., 1 S. D.,	$1.00.
Buck	5710 Kimbark Av., 1 S.,	$1.00.
Brown	6039 Kimbark Av., 1 D.,	$1.00.
Bryant	6114 Stoney Island Av., 1 D.,	$1.00.
Boomer	5552 University Av., 1 S.,	$1.00.
Carlson	5615 Drexel Av., 1 D.,	$1.00.
Cooper	5708 Drexel Av., 1 D. or S.,	$1.00
Cavanagh	5724 Drexel Av., 1 S.,	$1.00.
Compton	6025 Drexel Av., 1 S. D.,	$1.00.
Cable	5622 Ellis Av., 1 D.,	$1.00.
Cobb	5458 Greenwood Av., 1 S.,	$1.00.
Curtiss	6112 Greenwood Av., 1 S. or 1 D.,	$1.00-$1.50.
Cook	5423—Kimbark Av., 1 S.	$1.00-$1.50.
Camp	6132 Kenwood Av., 1 S. D.,	$1.00-$1.50.
Clarke	5803 Dorchester Av, 1 D.	
Dupler	6053 Ellis Av., 1 S.,	$1.00.
Dunlap	1156 62d St., 1 D.,	$1.00.
Dripps	1213 62d St., 1 S.,	$1.00.
Dunlap	6039 Kimbark Av., 1 S.,	$1.00.
Ferguson	6043 Woodlawn Av., 1 S. D.,	$1.00.
Getchell	6037 Ellis Av., 1 D.,	$1.00
Grant	6033 Woodlawn Av., 1 S., 1 D.,	$1.00.
Gardner	5832 Blackstone Av., 1 S.,	$1.00.
The Greystone	5342 Blackstone Av.,	$1.00 to $2.00.
Hoyt	5704 Kenwood Av., 2 rooms,	$1.00.
Harding	5742 Maryland Av., 1 S.,	$1.00.
Hansen	5421 Ellis Av., 1 S. D.,	$1.00.
Hickey	5624 Ellis Av., 1 S.,	$1.00.
Hammond	6148 Greenwood Av., 1 D.,	$1.00.
Higgins	5559 University Av., 1 S.,	$1.00.
Halley	6009 Woodlawn Ave., 1 S., D., S.,	$1.00.
Hornidge	1221 57th St., 1 D.,	$1.00.
Hamblin	6439 Kimbark Av., 1 S.,	$1.00.
Hibbard	5th, 1377 57th St., 2 S.,	50c.
The Homestead	5610 Dorchester Av.	
Jones	5478 Ellis Av., 1 S., 1 S. D.,	$1.00.
Keen	5617 Dorchester Av., 1 S.,	$1.00.
Kelley	6010 Harper Av., 2 S or D.,	$1.00.
The Kenrose	1128 E. 47th St.	
Lang	5311 Maryland Av., 1 S. D.,	$1.00.
Lauder	6117 Greenwood Av., 2 S. D.,	$1.00.
Middleton	5328 Maryland Av., 1 S. D.,	$1.00.
Martz	5821 Maryland Av., 1 S.,	75c.
Maguire	5245 Ellis Av., 1 D.,	$1.00 to $1.50.
Myers	6128 Ellis Av., 2 S.,	$1.00.
Nelson	6026 Ellis Av., 1 S.,	75c.
Notter	5750 Dorchester Av., 1 S., 1 D.,	$1.00.
Olcott	5842 Harper Av., 3 rooms.	
Ogden	5744 Kenwood Av., 1 S. D.,	$1.00.
Parmalee	5646 Maryland Av., 1 S.,	$1.00.
Price	5445 Kimbark Av., 1 or 2,	$1.00.
Platt	5815 Dorchester Av., 3 S.,	$1.00.
Reyburn	5621 Maryland Av., 1 D.,	$1.00.
Reticker	6057 Drexel Av., 1 S. D.,	$1.00.
Racey	6111 Greenwood Av., 1 S.,	$1.00.
Swain	5732 Maryland Av., 2 S. D.,	$1.00.
Sullivan	5800 Maryland Av., 1 S.,	$1.00.
Sime	5823 Maryland Av., 1 S.,	$1.00.
Sherman	5700 Drexel Av., 1 S., 1 S. D.,	$1.00.
Tower	5461 University Av., 1 S. D.,	$1.00.
Worth	5738 Drexel Av., 1 S. D.,	$1.00.
Willison	5822 Drexel Av., 2 S., 1 S. D.,	$1.00.
Williams	6032 Ellis Av, 1 S. D.,	$1.00.
Wells	5540 University Av., 1 S. D.,	$1.00.
Wilkinson,	5630 Woodlawn Av., 1 D.,	$1.00.
Woodward	1133 55th St., 1 S.,	$1.00.
Wragg	5519 Kimbark Av., 1 S. D.,	$1.00.
Watkins	1221 57th St., 1 S. D.,	$1.00.
Ware	5547 Dorchester Av., 1 S., 1 S. D.,	$1.00.
Yates	6045 Woodlawn Av., 1 S.,	$1.00.
Zamizon	822 57th St., 1 S. D.,	$1.00.

We strongly advise securing reservations in advance. If unsuccessful, apply to Hospitality Chairman at Headquarters, Stevens Building, Chicago. We will do our utmost to get rooms for you.

We can offer most attractive accommodations on board a fine lake steamer to be docked at Michigan Boulevard and Van Buren Street for the 5th, 6th and 7th of June, providing we have 135 applications for same.

The rate will be $5.00 per day for a room. For any applicants over the guaranteed 135, the rate will be the same for two in a room.

In Congressmen's Districts

A BRANCH of the Congressional Union has organized in Graham County, Arizona, at a conference held May 15 at Safford, the county seat. The chairman for Graham County is Mrs. C. S. Wickersham, whose husband is First Lieutenant in the National Guard; vice-chairman, Mrs. F. H. John, Mrs. W. R. Chambers, Mrs. E. W. Clayton, Mrs. F. L. Ginter, and Mrs. C. S. Gilpin; secretary, Mrs. Alice Worden; treasurer, Mrs. W. E. McWhirt.

A meeting at which Mrs. Thompson was advertised to speak at Clifton was delayed by a railroad accident. When Mrs. Thompson arrived, however, after having driven ninety miles by auto from Safford, the women of Clifton immediately started out again to get up another meeting. Mrs. Thompson was the guest of the Clifton Women's Club during her stay in that city.

The county organization of Arizona is going on splendidly. Mrs. Thompson left Clifton for Globe and Florence, in Gila and Pinal Counties. From Florence, Mrs. Thompson will go on to Tucson and Phoenix to organize Maricopa County.

At a conference held in Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, the following resolutions were passed:

"*Resolved*, that we, women voters of Arizona, assembled this 11th day of May, at Douglas, for the purpose of organizing the women of Cochin County into an effective organization which shall be able to cooperate with the state committee in its work for the furtherance of national suffrage for the women of our country by means of the Susan B. Anthony amendment, now held in the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, hereby declare our faith in the womanhood of our country and our desire to see the women of the east enjoying the same protection and privileges under the United States Constitution as do the women of the west, and we do also declare an intention to assist the women of the east to have the unjust interstate discrimination, now existing, forever removed. We do this in a spirit of justice and loyalty to our sex, believing that it is manifestly wrong to discriminate against any class of citizens in this beloved country of ours."

A new member of the Congressional Union, who is also secretary of the Congressional Union in Yuma County, is Miss C. Louise Boehringer, the first woman superintendent in Arizona. Miss Boehringer is county superintendent in Yuma County and is also candidate for the office of state superintendent of schools.

A NUMBER of the Congressional districts in New York State have been organized and district chairmen appointed. The latest branch to organize has been the Thirty-ninth Congressional District under the leadership of Mrs. Ada Chase Dudley. The headquarters of this organization are in Rochester.

On June third the Congressional Union of New York will entertain the 10,000 delegates to the biennial convention of the American Federation of Women's Clubs at a garden party to be given on the adjoining estates of Colonel Colman du Pont and Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, at Great Neck, Long Island. The feature of the garden party will be a pageant produced under the direction of Miss Hazel Mackaye, national pageant director for the Congressional Union. Mrs. Belmont has chartered the steamer *Mandalay*, which will take the guests from New York to Mrs. Belmont's estate and back after the garden party is over.

A large delegation is being sent from all over the state to the Woman's Party Convention. Among the New York City members who have signified their intention to be present are Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, Mrs. Robert Adamson, Mrs. Mary Beard, Miss Marion May, Mrs. J. E. Lambie, Mrs. Clarence Smith, Mrs. Emanuel Einstein, and Mrs. William L. Colt.

A LARGE delegation will go to Chicago for the Woman's Party Convention from Washington, D. C. The district will have a general representation besides the various precinct representatives which will be sent by their branch organizations.

Among those who will be present are Mrs. Nina E. Allender, chairman of the District branch; Mrs. W. Thompson Burch, chairman of the circulation department of THE SUFFRAGIST; Mrs. John J. White, member of the National Advisory Council; Miss Emily Stearns, chairman of the membership committee; Mrs. Helena Hill Weed, who will act as chairman of credentials for the convention; Mrs. Gilson Gardner, member of the Executive Committee of the Union; Mrs. George Odell, Mrs. Marie Manning Gasch, Miss Emily K. Perry, Miss Edith Goode, Miss M. E. Dabney, Miss Aline Solomons, and Miss Grace Needham.

The party will leave Washington on Saturday morning June 3, at eleven o'clock, and will be accompanied by Miss Anne Martin of Nevada; Mrs. William Kent, Mrs. Elizabeth Garberding, and Miss Maud Younger of California; and Mrs. C. F. Haire of Montana.

MICHIGAN members of the Congressional Union spoke before the state Democratic convention in Lansing on May 17 in the Prudden Auditorium. Mrs. Jennie Law Hardy, of Tecumseh, explained that suffrage was now a practical national issue. Mrs. F. C. Aldinger spoke of the strength of woman suffrage in the west and told of the plan of the Congressional Union to organize a Woman's Party in which the strength of the woman voter will be organized for the service of the national suffrage movement. When she said, "We hope that the party in power will see the error of its way before the close of this session and pass the Susan B. Anthony amendment," she was obliged to wait until the applause had ceased. Governor Ferris and a number of other Democrats on the platform congratulated the speakers.

Mrs. Hardy spoke also on Tuesday, May 9, before the state convention of the Progressive party convened in Jackson. At the conclusion of her speech, the chairman of the convention said that the convention wanted her to take this message back to her association: that they believed all she said and endorsed the federal suffrage amendment; the Susan B. Anthony amendment was in their resolutions and a suffrage plank in their platform.

THE Tennessee branch of the Congressional Union gave a luncheon at Hotel Aiken, Knoxville, on Tuesday, May 2, and invited Mrs. Helena Hill Weed, of Washington, D. C., to speak on the subject of the policy and aims of the Congressional Union.

The luncheon aroused a great deal of interest. Five hundred people applied for tickets, but only two hundred and fifty-three could be accommodated.

Mrs. L. D. Tyson, vice-chairman of the Congressional Union in Tennessee, presided, and Mrs. Hugh L. White, chairman of the Tennessee branch, made a short speech of welcome. Mrs. Weed was the principal speaker and held the interest of her audience for over an hour.

The guests departed feeling that the meeting had given an added impetus to Congressional Union work in their state.

A few days later Governor Rye of Tennessee and Mr. Charles Rogan, Adjutant General of the State Militia, visited Washington, and were the guests of Mrs. Weed at tea at Cameron House. Both Governor Rye and Adjutant General Rogan expressed their belief in woman suffrage as a democratic principle and said that it was futile to attempt to delay it.

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The Only Way

THE Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage is a political but a nonpartisan organization. This is learned from literature finding its way to our desk during the visit of leaders in that movement to Boise.

The Union believes that as their cause—nation-wide equal suffrage through constitutional amendment—is in the hands of politicians, they must adopt political methods in order to force those hands.

That view runs counter to the policy of the old suffrage organization and created the split which some believe to be harmful to the cause. However, as both factions are seeking the same ends, although through different means, it is possible the divergent attitudes will not seriously affect the outcome.

The question must be decided by the members of Congress. Most of them are professional politicians, and practically all of them are time servers. This the women of the Congressional Union know. They realize that it is futile to attempt to secure recognition and votes through the adoption of resolutions at Kensington-like meetings; so they have gone actively into the political arena fighting to defeat those congressional candidates who are opposed to nation-wide equal suffrage and to elect those who favor it.

It must be apparent to all who have studied the politics of this country, whether they believe in equal suffrage by states or by amendment to the the National Constitution, or whether they believe in it at all, that these women have adopted the only course that is fruitful of results.

Whenever they can make a sufficient showing of voting strength they will get their amendment, and they will not get it until they do.—*Boise (Idaho) Statesman, May* 11, 1916.

The Women Campaigners

SHOULD the woman suffragists succeed in convincing the majority in Congress that they can and will—if they deem it necessary—do all that they claim is within their power in the election next November, the Susan B. Anthony amendment to the Federal Constitution, giving the women of the United States the vote, may be resurrected and an earnest effort made to have it enacted by both Houses before adjournment of the present session. . . . The women of the Congressional Union have made rapid progress in the school of politics and with a strong hand to play this year, present indications are that they are playing it well. Their cards are the ballots in the hands of their exalted sisters of the twelve suffrage states, and the game is to convince the party in power that they will all be stacked against the Democratic ticket, Presidential and Congressional, next November, unless the suffrage amendment is at least given a fair and square test in Congress.

It is good politics, and if the Democrats can be made to believe that the suffragists can do exactly as they please with the eighty-one electoral votes of the twelve equal-suffrage States it will be very easy to make them listen to reason. That is what the eloquent and persistent young women of the Congressional Union in Washington are trying to do now.

It is doubtful, however, whether they are themselves quite sure of their ability to swing with certainty the twelve States which they claim "control one-fifth of the electoral college and cast one-third of the electoral college and cast one-third of the votes necessary to elect a President." Their appeals to the women of these States would indicate that at least some mustering and mobilization remains to be done. However, the envoys of the Congressional Union have returned from a vigorous campaign in the "free" States full of confidence, and are looking to the conference and demonstration by the Woman's Party at Chicago during convention week to lend strength to their arguments.

While all political parties are expected to be impressed, the great object lesson is for the Democrats. The Republicans can gain favor by putting an equal suffrage plank in their platform, but such a plank will bring to Democrats only scorn and derision, for they are to be judged not by their promises but by their failure to perform when the opportunity was presented to them. The Congressional Union, pointing to its enfranchised allies, thus is demanding of Congress the advancement of the Susan B. Anthony amendment, with the casting of the vote of the twelve suffrage states to the Republicans as the alternative.

It must be admitted that if these workers for suffrage are now actually in a position to control the women's vote they have made great progress, because in the past it has not been demonstrated that this vote was any easier to marshal and sway than the labor vote, the German vote or the prohibition vote. Many Democrats in Congress will remain skeptical and it may be to their cost. If they fail to heed the warning or to yield to persuasion or pressure, we shall be able to take a more accurate measure of the power and the solidarity of the ballot in woman's hands. At any rate women voters must be regarded as a more important factor in the election next November than ever before.—*Washington, D. C., Herald, May* 24, 1916.

Women Presidential Voters

THERE will be a new factor in the next Presidential election that has begun to engage the serious attention of practical politicians, who as a class always hesitate to make serious use of the imaginative faculty of their minds. It is hard for men of this type to realize the full significance of the fact that several million women in the so-called enfranchised states will vote for Presidential electors in November, complicated as this fact is by the avowed purpose of the women in these states to place their loyalty to suffrage above all personal party predilections. The intimation has been spread abroad through influential sources that the enfranchised women in the West will use the ballot next fall in the way that seems best to them for the furtherance of the "votes for women" cause in the so-called unenfranchised states.

This means that each Presidential candidate in the coming campaign will be judged by several million voters from one angle only, and his qualifications for President estimated solely by his avowed attitude toward the question of woman suffrage. The enfranchised women of the country are divided among themselves upon such issues as preparedness, the tariff, Mexican intervention, the rights of neutrals, etc., but they are united in their belief that woman suffrage is at this moment the most important question before the nation, embracing and overshadowing all others, and that their highest duty as voters is to their sex rather than to any party or political platform.

It is conceivable that in a close election the solidarity of the enfranchised women's vote might be the decisive factor.—*Philadelphia Press.*

The New Suffrage Campaign

THE transcontinental tour conducted by the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, which brought the feminine campaigners to Seattle, is at once a confession of discouragement at the ill-success attending battles in the eastern states and also an evidence that failure in this direction has in no way discouraged the leaders in the movement.

The purpose of the western tour, as frankly revealed by those participating in it, was to enlist the women in the "free states" in a nonpartisan, or rather unpartisan organization, sufficiently strong to compel recognition by the Democratic administration. In other words, the suffragists hope to develop a political strength that will be courted and deferred to by the dominant party in Washington in the same way that the Nationalists were courted and deferred to by the Liberal government in London.

They chance now to be tilting against the Democrats. Should the Republicans come into power this fall, they will be equally aggressive against that party. They aim to stand outside partisan lines, employing, whatever suffrage strength they can organize solely to compel recognition for their aims and purposes.

For the present, those aims and purposes are summed up in a single ambition—to have Congress pass, for submission to the several states, an amendment to the constitution enfranchising women. Such an amendment would, of course, have to be approved by the legislatures in three-fourth of the commonwealths. Congress cannot enfranchise the sex; but it is within the power of that body to initiate legislation amending the fundamental law of the Union which, if concurred in by the requisite number of sovereign states, will accomplish that end.

The campaign is a striking evidence of the change in suffrage plans. It is peculiarly interesting to women in the western states, to whom their eastern sisters have come for aid after experiencing a series of reverses in their own commonwealths. The leaders have selected the hour for launching the movement with discrimination, but what effect, if any, their efforts will have necessarily must be determined by later events in Congress.—*Seattle (Washington) Times, May* 3, 1916.

Women in Fall Election

THE delegation from the Congressional Union of Woman Suffrage, which recently made a tour of the twelve western states which have granted votes to women, has returned to Washington after a tour lasting thirty-eight days. The purpose of the tour was to arouse the women of the equal suffrage states to champion the Susan B. Anthony amendment to the constitution granting votes to women and by exerting their political power to force the present Congress to adopt the amendment. All along the line it was definitely announced that unless this Congress supported the amendment the strength of the women voters in the equal suffrage states would be thrown against the Democratic party at the November election, if this vote could be mobilized.

The returning delegates express gratification at the reception accorded them wherever they spoke, and claim that they will practically hold the balance of power next fall. It is estimated that there are at least 4,000,000 women in the twelve suffrage states who are qualified to vote at the approaching election. A popular vote of far less than 4,000,000 has more than once decided the political destinies of the country, and it is quite conceivable that if the women voters in the equal suffrage states are united they may exercise a strong influence at the polls.

Whatever else may be said of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, there can be no doubt that it has shown executive capacity and a talent for organization. How effective it will be on the crucial day time alone can determine, but there are strong indications that the movement is a factor which must be reckoned with.—*Washington, D. C., Post, May* 19, 1916.

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